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WHEREAS, we in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and

WHEREAS, on the pathway towards fulfillment of that dream there are those who are faithfully committed to execute the responsibilities of a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, our great metropolis is faced with treacherous dangers daily that could tear it asunder, were it not for the guardians of the public welfare, indeed, the guardian angels of the "American Dream" and

WHEREAS, dedication to the fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department – "We serve and protect" – exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with stress and danger of being life's arbiters for countless citizens, but also on the family members who live with the very real knowledge that their husband or father may never return from any given workday; and

WHEREAS, through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with the security necessary for each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and

WHEREAS, the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "A man does what he must – in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures – and that is the basis of all human morality" and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Richard E. Downs, Star Number 974, devoted twenty-six years of his life in service to the people of Chicago and in doing so has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, vibrant community it is today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Chicago in council meeting January 18, 2012, that on behalf of all citizens of the City of Chicago we do hereby express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Sergeant Richard E. Downs and his family for the dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice proved throughout the past years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Richard E. Downs

Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward

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